MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government are not constructing roads or wells on a communal basis, and the comparison the member institutes cannot therefcre stand scrutiny.

Export of Fowls and Eggs.

381. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of fowls (cocks and hens) and eggs annually exported from Travancore?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The information is not available as separate accounts are not kept for the export of fowls and eggs from Travancore.

Export and import of Laurel nuts.

382. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the quantity of laurel nuts (കടുക്ക) annually imported into Travancore during the 10 years ending 1103;

(*b*) the quantity of laurel oil and cake annually exported from Travancore during the 10 years ending 1103;

(*c*) whether they have raised the export duty on laurel oil within the last 10 years; and

(*d*) if so, to what extent and how it has affected the export trade and the manufactures concerned?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*)

Year.	*cwts.*
1094	1,545
1095	*
1096	799
1097	,,
1098	4,561
1099	4,011
1100	245
1101	889
1102	272
1103	31

* Quantity not available. The value of the laurel nuts imported was Rs. 755.

(*b*)

Year.	*Laurel oil cwts.*	*Laurel punnac cwts.*
1094	29,292	2,098
1095	24,450	80
1096	30,304	2,510
1097	26,846	2,785
1098	27,922	2,325
1099	19,750	1,637
1100	37,981	4,076
1101	23,151	3,721
1102	30,622	4,928
1103	33,537	6,648

(*c*) Yes.

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(*d*) The tariff value was raised from Bh. Rs. 8 to Bh. Rs. 20 per cwt. with effect from the 1st Karkatakam 1097. The revision has not affected the export trade and this fact shows that the manufacture concerned has also not been affected.

Widening the banks of Channels.

383. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be be pleased to state whether they will take up the question of widening the banks of channels at an early date so as to make them fit for cart traffic?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is engaging the attention of the Government.

Need for a Cross road from Tadikarankonam.

384. **MR. V. CHELLAM PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the shortest distance from Tadikarankonam to Arumanallur and Viravanallur in South Travancore; and

(*b*) the shortest distance by road in the eastern direction and by that in the western direction from the abovesaid place to the abovementioned villages?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The shortest distance from Tadikarankonam to Arumanallur is 3/4 mile and from Tadikarankonam to Viravanallur 1 mile.

(*b*) The shortest distance by road from Tadikarankonam to Viravanallur along the eastern direction is 6 1/2 miles and to Arumanallur 7 1/2 miles and along the western direction 7 and 6 miles respectively.

Cocoanut Farm in Vaikam.

385. **MR. MATTHEW MURIKKAN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether the Cocoanut Farm in Vaikam is experimental or demonstrative;

(*b*) if experimental, what experiments are being conducted;

(*c*) if demonstrative, what aspects of cocoanut cultivation are being demonstrated;

(*d*) the age of the plants in the Farm; and

(*e*) the expenditure incurred by the Government every year for maintaining the Farm?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Cocoanut Farm at Vaikam is a demonstration farm.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) What is demonstrated there is the method of improving old and young cocoanut trees by scientific manuring and cultural operations.

(*d*) The age of the trees ranges from 3 to 70 years.

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